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Hickam Opens National Test Center – The National Test Center will offer College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams to all members of the Department of Defense and their families. CLEP exams are free to active duty, reserves, guard, and family members of the guard and reserve forces. For all others, there is a \$20 administration fee and \$55 examination fee. The National Test Center on Hickam will offer exams on Mondays and Wednesdays, conducting three test sessions each day. Please call Hawaii Pacific University at 422-1032 to schedule an exam.

Airman Professional Enhancement Course – The two day course for Airman 1st Class and Senior Airman with two years of service is March 30 and 31 at the PME Center, Bldg. 1850. Airmen will receive briefings on feedback, EPRs, awards and decorations, the profession of arms, the enlisted force structure, wills and SGLI, area defense council, educational opportunities, financial management, assignment system, and have a question and answer session with first sergeants, chief masters sergeants, a former POW and the 15th Airlift Wing command chief master sergeant. For more information, call Master Sgt. Richard Vogel at 448-3429.

Microsoft tips free seminar – A free Microsoft tips and Seminar is April 5 and 6 at 360 Harbor Dr. Bldg. 3417

Learn to take control of your computer with this session reviewing the exciting new features of Office 2003. Tips include powerful ways to get organized in Outlook, many formatting improvements in Word and powerful features in Excel for making everyday tasks easier. Chris Bertelson, a 12 year veteran of Microsoft, will demonstrate each tip and include a handout listing the steps to repeat it. Improve your productivity, accomplish new tasks. For more info contact Master Sgt. Robert Horner at 449-4773.

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Photo by Angela Elbern

Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne presents a coin to SrA Lucia Flores, 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, one of Team Hickam's Annual Award winners after the SECAF call on the flightline March 17.

The SECAF presented each annual award winner with a coin. This was his first stop of his Pacific theater tour since becoming Secretary of the Air Force in November 2005. For more photos see page A5.

Hickam 1st stop for SECAF

By Tech. Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo
Air Force Print News

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii – Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne visited Hickam on the first stop of his Pacific theater tour since becoming Secretary of the Air Force in November 2005.

During a SECAF call held on the Hickam flightline March 17, Secretary Wynne said, "I would like to say to the total force; the Reserves, National Guard, the

active duty personnel - I really appreciate the enthusiasm that they bring and the innovations that they bring to the job that they are doing here at Hickam."

With stops at Pacific Air Forces Headquarters, Kenney Headquarters and the Pacific Air and Space Operations Center, the Secretary was given a full briefing of Pacific Air Forces capabilities.

"PACAF is really all about relationships and also involved in the global war on terror and various places that they are trying to get a

foot hold. It is the relationships and the training that PACAF does intrinsically by simply being involved. All of these things demonstrate the resolve the Pacific Air Forces brings to this nearly global mission," said Secretary Wynne.

As the Secretary of the Air Force was arriving at Hickam, the "Spirit of Hawaii - Ke Aloha" Hickam's first C-17, was spinning up for a relief mission to Kauai, Hawaii after a dam burst endangering thousands of residents and tourist.

The relationships established and the training that PACAF does intrinsically with the State of Hawaii demonstrate the resolve the Pacific Air Forces bring to this global mission, said the Secretary.

"The C-17 had just barley arrived when it showed its mettle for the state of Hawaii in response to the crisis on Kauai. They (PACAF and the Hawaii Air National Guard) did it very well and they did it together. They responded very well and it is a credit," said Secretary Wynne.

Military Family Life Consultant

By Kirsten Tacker
Kukini Photojournalist

Military and Family Life Consultant program bridged a partnership with the Air Force's Airman and Family Readiness Flight to help meet the needs of servicemembers and their families with a variety of issues.

MFLC can also provide an alternate source of assistance in addressing issues associated with post-deployment stress without the issues associated with pursuing help through community agencies.

It is a short-term program with the consultants rotating every six weeks and the new consultant takes over for the next segment.

"We have this on all PACAF bases, except for Korea and it is available to Guard and Reserves as well as Air Force," said

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C-17s deliver relief to Kauai

By Tech. Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo
Air Force Print News

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii (AFPN) – "The Spirit of Hawaii - Ke Aloha," Hickam's first C-17 Globemaster III, delivered 27,000 pounds of recovery equipment to Kauai, Hawaii, after a dam burst, isolating thousands of residents and tourist along the island's North shore.

What was intended to be a routine training mission turned into a relief effort after state civil defense officials asked for help getting relief equipment from the island of Hawaii to Kauai.

"This is the first time that we have used a C-17 in the state of Hawaii to support a state need like they have on Kauai. I think that is one of the greatest things for me," said Lt. Col. Woody Woodrow, a pilot from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 204th Airlift Squadron.

The Hawaii Air National Guard's 291st Combat



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo

Lt. Col. Woody Woodrow and Maj. Matt Zehr conduct preflight checks on their C-17 Globemaster III March 16 at Hickam. The C-17 delivered recovery equipment to the island of Kauai after a dam burst, isolating thousands of people along the island's North shore.

Communication Squadron helped load four industrial high-output water pumps and associated pipes onto the C-17 at Hilo

International Airport, Hawaii.

"I was on Kauai during Hurricane Iniki, and being part of helping Kauai again

to recover from some other disaster going on over there is a tremendous opportunity

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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WASHINGTON, DC 20 MAR 2006

To the Airmen of the United States Air Force,

Yesterday marked the 3rd anniversary of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and the removal of an oppressive, dangerous regime. This was the culmination of a joint and coalition intense effort on land, sea, and air. I want to take this moment to say thanks for all your sacrifices ... and to let you know that you are doing awesome work. In OIF, within the Joint Force, our Total Force – active, guard, and reserve Airmen – grounded the Iraq Air Force, destroyed the combat effectiveness of the Iraqi ground forces, blinded the Hussein leadership and paved the way for a series of ground battles that saw Baghdad fall in 22 days. Your innovation and flexibility made the difference, whether it was Airmen decisively striking Republican Guard formations; in orbits over every Iraqi airfield; embedded with ground forces; launching and orbiting satellites high overhead; controlling armed UAVs; or airlifting critical supplies and troops. And today, you continue to provide air support to the Combatant Commanders around the world, while also flawlessly performing non-traditional missions like base defense and convoy operations.

Your contributions to the spread of freedom and democracy did not begin three years ago; the Air Force has been at war continuously for over fifteen years – since the opening rounds of Operation Desert Storm and through twelve years of no-fly zone operations. And although Iraq is receiving the majority of attention, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation NOBLE EAGLE remain critical to winning this Long War. The Global War on Terror has now lasted 10 months longer than our Nation fought in World War II. This is a joint fight, across the world – where we have a vital role. Meanwhile, things have been fairly quiet on the home front, and that's good. That means we are doing our job well. You are protecting America by monitoring intelligence, sitting alert, and flying patrols over our cities. By protecting our homeland and fighting the enemy on their turf, you are keeping your family, friends, and the American public safe. Our mission is to fly and fight and win our nations' wars – and you're doing just that.

You are making a difference. I am proud of you. America is proud of you. You are helping to rebuild countries and protect fledgling democracies in Iraq and Afghanistan, while keeping America out of harm's way. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Pakistani earthquake, Philippine landslides and, most recently, floods in Hawaii, brought out your best as well, as you pitched in side by side with allies and joint partners providing humanitarian relief across the globe and in our own backyard. You are the most combat experienced, battle-hardened Airmen since WWII. You are successfully doing whatever is asked of you across the domains of air, space, and cyberspace – you are always there.

Thanks for all that you're doing – it matters. Your tireless efforts keep this the best Air Force the world has ever seen, ready to lead or support the joint fight anywhere, anytime. You are making it happen in Iraq, Afghanistan, in the skies over America, and anywhere our Nation needs us. Keep it up and keep 'em flying!

T. Michael Moseley

T. MICHAEL MOSELEY
General, USAF
Chief of Staff

Readiness is paramount

Col. William “Goose” Changose
15th Airlift Wing commander

This week the wing tested two very important readiness capabilities. We started with a wing-wide military recall with an emphasis on ensuring that all members contact information was verified and current. The capability to quickly respond through a recall is a vital tool which allows for a quick response in case of an emergency. As expected, you did great! I appreciate your attention to detail to ensure recall rosters were up to date and procedures were sound. Just as we completed that task we started our second readiness event – a Hurricane Exercise.

If we've learned anything over the past few years it should be that the improbable CAN happen. The tsunami of 2004 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005 showed us the best thing we can do for ourselves, families, and community is to be prepared. We live in Hawaii where the sun shines bright on most days but even in this tropical island paradise we have to be ready. All of us have noticed the rain and flooding that has plagued the Hawaiian Islands over the past few weeks. So although this most recent exercise was a “desktop” format that included a smaller number of participants it is important for all of us to keep the objectives in mind.

In all crisis situations, the primary mission of emergency response teams is to minimize loss of life or injury, and prevent damage or destruction of property. To achieve this



Photo by Lt. Craig Savage

Colonel Bill “Goose” Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, discusses C-17 operations with retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Charles E. “Chuck” Yeager and his wife Victoria. Both attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Pacific Aviation Museum at Ford Island's historical Hanger 37, Tuesday. General Yeager was the first man to break the sound barrier, Oct. 14, 1947, in the Bell X-1.

objective quickly and efficiently, communication and coordination between the on-scene commander, disaster control group and emergency responders are the keys to success. Communication problems can create ripple effects and temporarily disrupt the pace and operations of the rescue and response effort. Clear and concise communication whether during a recall or exer-

cise cannot be understated.

In the upcoming months additional exercises of various focuses will be carried out in order to validate that Team Hickam is mission ready for whatever situation arises. This is our opportunity to take a good look at processes and ensure that we are prepared before the intensity of a real disaster. Carry out these exercises with both urgency and realism to meet both real-world and inspection requirements. In the meantime this is also an opportunity to talk with your families about what to do in an emergency. Sky Warriors, be safe this weekend, take care of each other, don't take unnecessary risks – have a plan!



Action Line

The Action Line is your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. I urge you to use the normal chain of command first.

If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

Halehaka St. Bridge

Comment: I would like to address the bridge that is located on Halehaka Street between the Hickam Carwash and the Base Thrift Store. The bridge currently has “rails” that would keep the average person from falling over the edge into the water.

Below is a creek that small children (ages 6-12) come to fish at. The problem is that these small children lay down on the street and hang half way over the edge fishing for these small fish. Others will climb up on top of the rails and lean over with their fishing poles. It is only a matter of time before one of these small children fall over the railing (about a 15 foot drop into shallow water) and hurt themselves very seriously. Is there a way some fencing can be put up to keep the children from doing this or even make it a “no fishing” area?

Response: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The Wing Safety Staff surveyed the Manuwa Canal Bridge to validate your concerns and ensure it meets current handrail specifications. I am happy to say the handrails meet specifications, however, there are plans to install a sign stating “No Fishing from Bridge”. I ask not only the par-

ents, but the Hickam Community to help enforce this policy and keep our children safe. If you have questions regarding possible safety hazards please don't hesitate to call the Safety Staff at

449-7233. Again, thank you for keeping Hickam Community a safe place to live and work.

Dress and Appearance

Comment: I have a question about dress and appearance policies for Hickam AFB. In previous bases I have been at and from what I remember, males were not supposed to wear earrings at all on base. If they are wearing them, they must cover them (with some sort of a tape or something) so they do not show. Is the policy for males and earrings the same here in Hickam?

Response: It's a good question, and thank you for asking. You are

correct. The prohibition of active duty males wearing earrings on base is not just a Hickam AFB policy, it is an Air Force policy governed by AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel. All Air Force members “are prohibited from attaching, affixing or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamentation to or through the ear, nose, tongue or any exposed body part (includes visible through the uniform).” This rule applies while in uniform, while in civilian clothes performing official duties, and while on any military installation. The only exception to this rule is that women are allowed to wear “one small spherical, conservative, diamond, gold, white pearl or silver pierced or clip earring per earlobe. If you have further questions or concerns please contact the MPF Customer Service Section at 449-0598. Thanks again for your concerns.

Hickam Diamond Tips



No Hat Areas

The following areas are designated as no hat areas: Flight line, 15 MDG Clinic lanai area, Tradewinds Enlisted Club lanais. The 15 AW/CC has also designated the Wright Brothers Cafe lanai as a no hat area. The Par 3 Puka lanai is a hat area and a cover must be worn if outside.

Source: AFI 36-2903, 15 AW Supplement 1
Questions? Contact your First Sergeant

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449-0175
Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373
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449-1754
Military Family Abuse Shelter
533-7125
SARC Hotline
449-7272



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C-17 surpasses its 1 millionth flying hour

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFP) – A C-17 Globemaster III on a routine air evacuation mission from Iraq flew the Air Force transport fleet past the 1 millionth flying hour mark on its return to this airlift hub today.

There were no bands or dignitaries waiting for the plane – from the Mississippi Air National Guard's 172nd Airlift Wing – when it arrived after a more than 14-hour mission that started late on March 19.

“This was just a regular mission for us,” wing commander Col. William Hill said.

The aircraft first delivered 43,000 pounds of cargo to Al Asad, Iraq. Then it flew to Balad to pick up 16 patients, including some critically wounded. It was the same type of mission four wing aircraft have been flying out of Ramstein since late last year. The turnaround at Balad went like clockwork, the colonel said.

by Louis A. Arana-Barradas,
Air Force Print News

Single C-17 breaks airdrop record

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFP) – A single Air Force C-17 Globemaster III airdropped 32,400 pounds of humanitarian aid within 40 minutes to four locations in central and eastern Afghanistan March 16.

This feat marked the most cargo airdropped to this many drop-zones in the shortest amount of time from a single aircraft in the history of U.S. airdrop operations, said Lt. Col. Charles Ciuizio, chief of the Air Mobility Division at the Combined Air Operations Center here.

The C-17 and accompanying aircrew are deployed to the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing from McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

The mission delivered 24 bundles of supplies to Afghans in need. The supplies included winter survival gear, tools, school supplies, food and blankets. This relief adds to the more than 2.2 million pounds of humanitarian aid provided

Cheney speaks at Charleston



Photo by A1C Nicholas Pilch

Vice President Dick Cheney speaks to a crowd of more than 2,750 military members and their families at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., March 17, to

for the people of Afghanistan since October 2004.

by Staff Sgt. Melissa Koskovich,
U.S. Central Command Air Forces Public Affairs

C-17s USAFE's air mobility business

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFP) – As the need grows for more Air Force transports to move cargo and troops to Iraq and Afghanistan, U.S. Air Forces in Europe is feeling the pinch.

Today, most Air Force airlift missions support military operations in the two countries, said Col. Phil Bossert, commander of 16th Air Force's air mobility operations control center at this busy airlift hub.

Most missions executed through the U.S. Central Command Air Forces combined air operations center are air mobility missions, he said. The airlift missions “normally outnumber kinetic missions – sometimes by as much as two to one.”

“This is very much a mobility war,” he said. “Airlift is definitely big business.”

But airlift is big business at Ramstein, too. USAFE, which has its headquarters here, has its own growing airlift needs

as it transforms and expands its operations south and east. The colonel said it needs a squadron of new transport aircraft to keep pace with its airlift requirements.

“No doubt about it, we need C-17 (Globemaster IIIs),” he said. The Globemasters would boost the command's fleet of airlift aircraft.

by Louis A. Arana-Barradas
Air Force Print News

New customer support centers make life simpler

WASHINGTON (AFP) – New Air Force combat and mobility logistics support centers, opening in early April, will make ordering, tracking and shipping supplies to troops worldwide a simpler, more customer-friendly process, said officials here.

The centers will open at Langley Air Force Base, Va., and Scott AFB, Ill.

“The (centers) are poised to provide enterprise-wide support to our forces at home or deployed,” said Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force chief of staff. “The centers will take on the support of our Air Reserve components and our contracted supply accounts, becoming truly total force logistics organizations.”

In the past, five major command regional supply

thank Airmen of the 437th and 315th Airlift Wings for their contributions in fighting the war on terror.

squadrons were controlling all supply back-shop functions for their bases, to include funding, stock control, equipment and records management, as well as computer operations.

by Samantha L. Quigley
American Forces Press Service

‘Phishing’ scam targets TSP participants

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Participants, as well as some non-participants, in the Thrift Savings Plan are targets of a “phishing” scam, an official with the board administering the program said today.

Tom Trabucco, director of external affairs for the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, said phishing is an “attempt to get recipients of the unsolicited e-mail to compromise themselves by giving up their personal financial information.”

Thrift Savings Plan administrators would never request personal or financial information via e-mail, Mr. Trabucco said.

“Do not respond to unsolicited e-mail, and never give out information of a personal nature (through) unsolicited e-mails,” he said.

by Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein
Air Force News Service

NCO gets jail for promotion test cheating

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan (AFP) – An 18-year master sergeant was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, demotion to airman basic and two months confinement by a military judge after pleading guilty to cheating on a promotion test in 2004 during a special court-martial here March 20.

Master Sgt. Ulysses S. Dotson of the 733rd Air Mobility Squadron at Kadena, who is currently confined at the brig on Camp Hansen on Okinawa, admitted to possessing controlled test materials before an examination under the Weighted Airman Promotion System in March 2004 while assigned to Rhein-Main AB, Germany.

Air Force prosecutors charged that Sergeant Dotson used an advance copy of the test to cheat on exams designed to assess job-related and general military knowledge in 2004 and was wrongfully promoted in April 2005 to master sergeant based on his high scores.

Team Hickam History

The Air Force's most historic airfield

March 26, 1948 – Hickam Field was redesignated Hickam Air Force Base.

March 24, 1950 – The new Hickam Theater was opened with appropriate ceremonies, which included a free show (preview of the movie “Twelve O'clock High”) for all military personnel and their dependents.

March 24, 1955 – The Seventh Air Force established its headquarters at Wheeler AFB in the newly modified and rehabilitated Building 107.

March 28, 1960 – Some 17 Hickam-based C-124s participated in “Operation Big Slam/Puerto Rico,” the largest peacetime air transport movement of U.S. Army forces to that time. Just a couple months before his retirement, General William H. Tunner organized this exercise to test the ability of Military Air Transport Service (MATS) and the U.S. Army to respond quickly to an overseas contingency. From over a dozen bases, MATS aircraft airlifted 21,000 troops and 11,000 tons of equipment from several posts in the U.S. to Puerto Rico and back again.

March 30, 1961 – The PACAFBASECOM Provost Marshal Office was redesignated the Directorate of Security and Law Enforcement, in accordance with USAF policy.

March 27, 1990 – From March 23 – 23 1990, General Colin L. Powell and his wife Alma visited Hawaii.

SECAF tours Team Hickam



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo



Photo by Angela Elbern



Photo by Angela Elbern



Photo by Angela Elbern

Top left: The Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne shakes hands with Senior Master Sgt. Donald Dufner, Kenney Headquarters A1, in the Pacific Air and Space Operations Center. Above: The Secretary addresses Team Hickam at the flightline. Far left: The SECAF pays tribute to those who laid down their lives during World War II, by laying a wreath at 11th Bombardment Group memorial during a retreat ceremony. Left: The SECAF toured the base housing construction and received a briefing from Hickam Community Housing representative (center) Richard Cunefare.

Bush: 911 lessons still relevant in GWOT

By Sgt. Sara Wood, USA
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – As more time passes since Sept. 11, 2001, Americans must not forget the lessons of that fateful day – lessons that are being applied today in the global war on terror, President Bush said March 22 in Wheeling, W.Va.

“The job of those of us who have been entrusted to protect you and defend you is really to do so in such a way that you feel comfortable about going about your life. And it’s fine that people forget the lessons (of Sept. 11), but one of my jobs is to constantly remind people of the lessons,” Bush said to an audience of military families in the Capitol Music Hall.

An important lesson from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks is that oceans can no longer protect the United States from its enemies, Bush said. The terrorists brought the fight home to America that day and declared war on this country’s way of life, and the United States has to take their dec-

laration seriously, he said.

Sept. 11 also taught U.S. leaders the best way to defend America is to stay on the offensive, Bush said. All the strength of the national government is being rallied to find terrorists where they hide and to keep pressure on them, he said.

“There’s some unbelievably brave troops and intelligence officers working around the clock to keep an enemy that would like to strike us again on the move and to bring them to justice,” he said.

Another lesson from Sept. 11 is that the enemy in the war on terror is not a nation state, but is a highly adaptive group of people that needs a safe haven from which to operate, Bush said. For a time, the terrorists had a safe haven in Afghanistan, he said, but U.S. forces cleaned them out and liberated 25 million people.

“That’s important for us to realize, that not only are we defending ourselves, but in this instance we’ve given a chance to people to realize the beauties of freedom,” he said.

Liberty is not just an American ideal, but is universal and should be shared with countries that desire freedom, Bush said. Americans should be eager to promote liberty around the world, remembering the principles this country was founded on, he said.

“We were founded on the natural rights of men and women; that speaks to the universality of liberty,” he said. “And we must never forget the origin of our own founding as we look around the world.”

Sept. 11 taught America that threats need to be taken seriously, Bush said. The world saw a threat in Saddam Hussein, and so took action to prevent terror and weapons of mass destruction from coming together, he said.

“That was Saddam Hussein’s choice to disclose, disarm or face serious consequences,” he said. “And he made the choice. And then I was confronted with a choice. And I made my choice, and the world is better off without Saddam

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accepting volunteer nominations for the Hickam National Volunteer Week Recognition Program. Award categories are as follows: Volunteer Family, Spouse, Youth, Unit or Directorate, Community or Nonprofit Agency, Hickam Community Volunteer, and Air Force Volunteer Excellence Award. Nominations are taken until April 7. A volunteer recognition luncheon and ceremony is scheduled for April 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hickam Community Center to recognize all nominees and announce the winners. For additional information, contact the AFRF at 449-0300.

Notice to Motorist – Repairs to the Kuntz Ave Overpass are scheduled to continue through April 11. Except for one lane west bound, the overpass will be closed to traffic Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Motorist should drive with caution while traveling on Kuntz Overpass. For more information, call Edwin Nomura at 449-7266.

National Military Family Association Family Award – Nominations are currently being accepted online (www.nmfa.org) for the NMFA Family Award. A complete nomination includes a 500-750 word narrative and a completed Family Award Nomination Form. Essays should tell how the family being nominated works to represent the best of the military family lifestyle. For more info, call Airman and Family Readiness Flight, 449-0300.

Thrift Shop – The Hickam Thrift Shop is located in Bldg. 1711 and is open

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are Mondays and Fridays from 9-11. The Thrift Shop will be closed for Spring vacation today through April 2 and opens again on April 3. Additional hours are the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the third Wednesday of the month from 5 to 8 p.m. Donations are always appreciated and can be dropped off at anytime in the shed located in front. For more information, call 449-6603.

On base Jobs – Job Opportunities available with the 15th Services Squadron. Apply online at www.nafjobs.com or for more information please call Human Resources at 448-2209 x247.

Hickam Friends of the Library – Hickam Friends of the Library is sponsoring a creative writing contest in conjunction with the Base Library to recognize National Library Week. There are two categories: short story: 12 page max and poetry: nothing epic. Each person is limited to one entry per category. Deadline for entry is March 31. Please visit or call 449-8299 the library for more information.

Shake up your Saturday morning routine – The National Multiple Sclerosis Society Hawaii Division’s 2006 MS Walk is April 8 at McCoy Pavilion, Ala Moana Beach Park. To sign up or for more information call the Hawaii division of the National MS Society at 532-0806 or log onto www.nationalmssociety.org. To volunteer to help out during the event call MSgt. Tom Hodson at 449-0066.

NCO helps save man on highway

By Tech. Sgt. Robert Burgess
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

When the emergency flashing lights on a car parked in the middle lane on North Nimitz Highway got the attention of one driver on March 13, his actions saved the life of one driver and possible others.

On that day Tech. Sgt. Casey Carden, 15th Operations Support Squadron Intelligence watched as other cars passed the car.

“I came to a stop behind the car when I noticed a man getting out of the vehicle; he was staggering around and about to get hit by oncoming traffic,” said

Sergeant Carden.

He then ran over and grabbed the man who Carden described as being about 45 to 50 years-old and carried him across traffic meanwhile asking him what was wrong. “He couldn’t talk, but he was motioning toward his chest and arm and the way he was acting was that he was about to fall unconscious,” said Sergeant Carden.

Not sure what was wrong, Sergeant Carden’s previous training as a Security Forces airman kicked in. Carden made a make-shift bed for him to lie on the side of the road, safely away from oncoming traffic, then flagged down a vehicle to call 911. “I elevated his feet, cov-



Tech. Sgt. Casey Carden, 15th Operations Support Squadron Intelligence

ered him with my son’s Sponge Bob Square Pants blanket to keep him from going into shock and I held an umbrella over his torso area because it was raining pretty hard.”

He stayed with the man talking with him while the

man kept trying to close his eyes and wander off to sleep. “I kept lightly slapping his cheeks telling him to stay awake,” said Sergeant Carden. “The paramedics arrived about 5-10 minutes later, but it felt like an hour because I was scared he was going to go into shock or become unconscious.”

Sergeant Carden believes the individual was taken to Queens Medical Center in Honolulu for treatment and said he hopes the man is doing well.

Captain Sonda Lee, 15th Airlift Wing intelligence officer, said “I wouldn’t have expected anything less from TSgt Carden, he’s always there to lend a helping hand.”

BUSH, From A5

Hussein in power.”

Iraq is only part of the GWOT, but the United States has a strategy for victory there that encompasses political, security and economic development, Bush said. As progress continues, the most important thing is for Iraqis to take responsibility for their own country and form a strong government, he said.

“It’s the Iraqis’ fight,” he said. “Ultimately, the Iraqis are going to have to determine their future. They’ve made their decision politically -- they voted. And these troops that we’re training are going to have to stand up and defend their democracy.”

Iraq’s government had a chance to fall apart amid the sectarian violence that erupted

after the Feb. 22 bombing of a mosque in Samarra, Bush said, but the political leaders united and the Iraqi security forces stepped up and prevented the country from falling into civil war.

A free Iraq is important to the United States, not only because it removes a threat, but also provides an example of freedom and reform for the broader Middle East and the rest of the world, Bush said. There is tough work ahead in the war on terror, but it is important work to lay a foundation of peace for generations to come, he said.

“History has proven democracies do not fight each other,” he said. “Democracies can yield peace we want, so let’s advance freedom.

RELIEF, From A1

ty,” said Master Sgt. Bruce Hara, who oversees logistics for Hawaii Air National Guard’s 291st Combat Communication Squadron.

With a mix of active duty and Guard Airmen this is the fourth operational mission for the Air Force’s new total force structure combining Air National Guard and active duty components for the C-17 mission at Hickam.

“A lot of people have an image of a fighter pilot blowing stuff up, but really it’s about helping people and it’s the humanitarian aspect that makes the mission worthwhile,” Colonel Woodrow said.

MILITARY, From A1


Maria Burrows, AFRF director.

The consultant is available to talk about anything people want to talk about from deployments, reintegration or just dealing with children, to having trouble finding childcare and the stresses of daily living.

The program is for anyone needing assistance with general problems and is unique in that individuals do not have to meet the consultant in their office.

Military and Family Life Consultant is available to attend commander’s calls, First Sergeant meetings and available to address other concerns of interest to airman and families.

For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Flight 449-0300 or the MFLC at 221-1341.



Team Hickam members can submit letters to the editor to hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil. Tell us what you think or would like to see in Kukini.

Women climbing success ladder

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Women have come a long way in the military services and federal government, and many of them have left legacies for future generations to follow, a top Defense Department official said here March 21.

This year's Women's History Month theme, “Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams,” focuses on women who helped pave the way for other women to climb the ladder of success in the military and civilian work force, said Gail McGinn, deputy

undersecretary of defense for plans, during DoD's Women's History Month observance at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial here.

Women's History Month presents an opportunity to celebrate the extraordinary accomplishments of women from the past, present and future, McGinn said. “Today, women make up 14.6 percent of the active-duty force and over one third of the DoD civilian force,” she said. “Nearly half of the U.S. labor force is female. An increasing proportion of DoD senior-level active-duty and civilian positions are filled by women.”

McGinn, the observance's presiding official, said the overall representation of women in DoD senior-level positions has improved significantly. “However, the Department of Defense, along with other federal agencies, is facing a shortage in key critical occupations and educational disciplines that must be addressed proactively,” she said.

She pointed out that the Defense Department is the largest federal employer, with more than 750,000 civilians, 1.3 million guardsmen and reservist, and 1.4 million active-duty personnel. The observance highlighted 121 military and

civilian female role models working in science, engineering, math or technology disciplines.

“We asked the defense components to spotlight some of their role models in these areas,” McGinn said. “The work that these fine women do is critical to our national security. Today, we celebrate their contributions and unwavering commitment to DoD.”

Some of the women traveled from throughout the country and as far away as Germany and Alaska to take part in the program. “These women are doing great things for the Department of Defense,” McGinn said.

AFAF Accepts Spare Change

In the fourth week of the AF Assistance Fund campaign, Hickam AFB has obtained 81 percent of its \$88,883 goal.

Please remember that this fund is airmen helping airmen, any donation... even 50 cents is helping Team Hickam achieve its purpose” stated 2nd Lt. Josh Aultman, Installation Project Officer for Hickam. “All signs point to going over goal for this year’s campaign, but we need to pull together and contribute as a team.” This weeks addition brings the total contributions for 2006 AFAF drive to \$72,303.

This fund is financially helping Team Hickam, airmen, and widows take care of daily needs and necessi-

ties. Last year alone team Hickam used over \$190K in assistance for emergencies, spouse tuition assistance, deployed family care, and many other activities that continue to support our Air Force and put “people first.” AFAF has four charities; AF Aid Society, AF Village for Indigent Widows, AF Enlisted Village for Indigent Widows, and the Gen Curtis E. LeMay foundation.

To help with your donations, group project officers have been assigned to the Hickam AFAF 2006 Campaign. They are as follows; 15th Airlift Wing associated offices, Capt. Gordon Bryant;15th Medical Group, Tech. Sgt. Renata Sutton; 15th Maintenance Group, 2nd Lt.

Chenell Hunter; 15th Mission Support Group, 1st Lt. Heather Leite; 15th Operations Group, 1st Lt. Carson Dodds; Kenney Headquarters, 1st Lt. Nichole Wells and TSgt. Jeff Kelly; Hickam Tenant Units, 1st Lt. Gerald Kemp; Pacific Air Forces, Master Sgt. Terry Gilyard and MSgt. Brad Harris; Pacific Command, SSgt. Yvette Prioleau and the Air National Guard, SSgt. Peni Sabagala and SSgt. Lorna Suzo.

Please contact Staff Sgt. John Carlton at 449-1704, or Second Lieutenant Josh Aultman at 449-3507, for questions about this year’s Campaign

AFRF offers April classes

Airman and Family Readiness Flight Phone Number: 449-0300

Career and Job Fair – Apr 6, 9 a.m.-12:00 pm (Community Center). The free event is where military members and their families can explore careers, make initial contacts with employers, apply for open positions. Attendees should dress appropriately and bring multiple copies of their resume. No children will be admitted.

Deployed/Remote-Tour Families’ Bowl-A-Thon – April 18, 5 - 7 p.m. Deployed/remote-tour families are invited to a bowl-a-thon at the Hickam Bowling Center.

Employment Toolbox – April 5, 9 -11 a.m. This one-stop workshop will cover the do’s and don’ts of resume writing, resume formats, and skills and techniques to turn your interview into a positive experience.

Hickam National Volunteer Week Recognition Ceremony – April 25, 11 a.m-1

p.m. (Community Center). National Volunteer Week has been designated for 23-29 April to recognize the many contributions made by volunteers. Join us in recognizing our outstanding volunteers for the following categories: Air Force Volunteer Excellence Award, Volunteer Family of the Year, Volunteer Spouse of the Year, Volunteer Youth of the Year, Volunteer Unit/Directorate of the Year, Volunteer Community/Nonprofit Agency of the Year, Hickam Community Volunteer of the Year, and Readiness Assistant Volunteers. Call the AFRF at 449-0300 by April 19 to reserve your seat.

Hickam Play Group – Tuesday-Thursday Sessions, April 4-19 and 25-27, 9 - 11a.m. Free and fun play groups. Parents and children ages 0-5 are invited to join our early childhood specialist for age-appropriate educational and recreational activities. All sessions are held at the Preteen Pavilion. No registration required.